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ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Town of Stratham
New Hampshire



**For the Year Ending
January 31, 1921**

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen and Treasurer

Highway Agents, Board of Education, Library Trustees
and Trustees of Trust Funds

OF THE

Town of Stratham

NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE

Year Ending January 31, 1921

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TOWN OFFICERS

(Elected biennially)

Moderator.

GEORGE C. JEWELL

Representative to General Court

FRANK H. PEARSON

Supervisors of Checklist

PAUL W. GOODSOE

JAMES W. ROLLINS

CHARLES J. BREWSTER

(Elected annually)

Town Clerk

CHARLES N. LANE

Selectmen

GEO. M. HALL

FRED L. JEWELL

ARTHUR N. JEWELL

Treasurer

GEO. L. BARKER

Collector of Taxes

EARL R. STOCKBRIDGE, Resigned

JAMES E. STOCKBRIDGE, Appointed

Auditors

W. LESLIE DINING

FRANK H. BARKER

Board of Education

FLORENCE G. BRIERLEY ALBERT C. LANE
W. LESLIE DINING

Library Trustees

ANNIE W. SCAMMON GEO. L. BARKER
FRANK H. PEARSON

Trustees of Trust Funds

GEO. W. DIXON CHARLES E. PICKERING
FRANK H. PEARSON
(Appointed)

Board of Health

FRED N. EDMUNDS

Police

MELVIN D. STICKNEY

Selectmen's Report

Land and Buildings	\$394,820.00
Horses, 194	25,951.00
Mules, 2	250.00
Oxen, 10	1,105.00
Cows, 475	36,875.00
Neat stock, 124	5,235.00
Sheep, 20	157.00
Hogs, 53	1,335.00
Fowls	3,548.00
Vehicles, 2	1,600.00
Portable Mills, 4	2,700.00
Wood and Lumber	19,162.00
Bonds	2,800.00
Money on hand	8,420.00
Stock in trade	3,700.00
Mills and Machinery	390.00
	\$508,048.00
Soldier exemption	4,000.00
	\$504,048.00
Rate of taxation, \$3.15; district rate, \$1.12.	

APPROPRIATIONS

Schools, by law 5% valuation	\$2,520.74
Tuition, High School	2,500.00
Excess Salary for Superintendent	90.00
Excess, Clerk hire	60.00
Salaries district Officers	150.00
Repairs in Div. 3-4	400.00
126 Scholars @ 2.00	252.00
School lunches	50.00
County tax	1,439.55
State tax	1,887.00
State highway	1,950.50
Highway, by law	1,260.37
Soldiers memorial	1,000.00
Voted in town meeting	2,000.00
Repairs on Town Hall	60.00
Library	75.00
	\$15,695.16

Town Warrant.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

(Seal)

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratham, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in said Stratham on Tuesday, the 8th day of March next, at Nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.
3. To elect three Selectmen one for three years, one for two years and one for one year.
4. To see if Town will vote to accept state aid for highway improvement, raise and appropriate money for same.
5. To see if Town will vote to purchase a piano for town hall, raise and appropriate money for same.

6. To see if Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 to add to the appropriation of 1920 for the purpose of installing a card catalogue system in the Library.

7. To see if the Town will vote to observe Old Home Day, raise and appropriate money for same.

8. To bring in your ballots upon each of the questions submitted by the convention to Revise the Constitution relative to the amendments proposed by said Convention at a session held on January 28, 1921.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal twenty first day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty one.

GEORGE M. HALL,
FRED L. JEWELL,
ARTHUR N. JEWELL,

Selectmen of Stratham.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

GEORGE M. HALL,
FRED L. JEWELL,
ARTHUR N. JEWELL,

Selectmen of Stratham.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of The

TOWN OF STRATHAM

In

Rockingham County

For The

Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1921.

BALANCE

Assets

Cash:

In hands of treasurer	\$1,537.08
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Accounts Due to the Town:

Joint Highway Accounts, Unexpended

Balances in State Treasury	126.19
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Due from County	189.00
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Taxes not collected: Levy of 1920	1,210.89
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Total Assets	\$3,063.16
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Net Debt, January 31, 1920	54.37
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Surplus, January 31, 1921	1,915.73
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Increase of surplus	1,860.36
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SHEET

Liabilities

Accounts Owned by the Town:	
Orders outstanding	\$42.17
Due to School Districts:	
(a) Dog licenses	64.00
State and Town Joint Highway Accounts	
Unexpended balances in Town	
Treasury	71.26
Outstanding Temporaray Loans in	
Anticipation of Taxes:	1,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$1,147.43
Excess of assets over liabilities	
(Surplus)	1,915.73
Grand Total	\$3,063.16

UNIFORM RECEIPTS AND

Receipts

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property taxes committed to collector, 1920	\$16,116.88
Less discounts and abatements, 1920	327.66
Less uncollected, 1920	1,210.89
Property taxes, current year, actually collected	\$14,578.33
Pol taxes, current year, actually collected @ \$3	18.00
Poll taxes, current year, actually collected @ \$5	725.00
Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected	372.44
Total of above collections	\$15,693.77
Tax sales redeemed	180.02
From State:	
For State Aid maintenance	255.80
Insurance tax	21.75
Railroad tax	164.32
Savings bank tax	667.85
From County:	
For support of poor	159.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:	
Dog licenses	96.50
Rent of town hall	41.85
Interest received on taxes	25.09
Permits for the registration of motor vehicles	516.04

CLASSIFICATION

PAYMENTS

	Payments	
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town officers' salaries	\$ 633.95	
Town officers' expenses	203.57	
Election and registration expenses	99.00	
Expenses town hall and other		
town buildings	237.68	\$1,174.20
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Fire department, including		
forest fires		19.50
Health:		
Health department, including		
hospitals		26.59
Highway and Bridges:		
State Aid maintenance	400.00	
Trunk Line maintenance	1,200.00	
Town maintenance	3,128.83	
General expenses of highway		
department, including water-		
ing troughs	3.00	4,731.83
Libraries:		
Libraries	119.67	119.67
Charities:		
County poor	189.00	189.00
Recreation:		
Parks and playgrounds,		
including band concerts		586.81
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	32.75	32.75
Unclassified:		
Abatements		119.38

RECEIPTS AND

Receipts

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$3,000.00
Refunds	82.98
Trust funds	150.00
Sale Cemetery lots	30.00
Sale of barrels	18.00
Total Receipts other than Current Revenue	\$21,102.97
Cash on hand February 1, 1920	2,193.89
Grand Total	\$23,296.86

PAYMENTS—Concluded.

Payments	
Interest:	
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$ 60.00
Total Interest Payments	\$ 60.00
Indebtedness:	
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$2,000.00
Payments to trustees, trust funds	150.00
Total Indebtedness Payments	\$ 2,150.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
Taxes paid to State	\$1,887.00
Taxes paid to County	\$1,429.55
Payments to School Districts	8,969.50
Total Payments to other Governmental Divisions	\$12,550.05
Total Payments for all purposes	\$21,759.78
Cash on hand January 31, 1921	1,537.08
Grand Total	\$23,296.86

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Description and Value	
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	10,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Parks, Commons, and Playgrounds	3,000.00
Total	\$19,500.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF
 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year,
 Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual revenue previous year, 1920	Estimated revenue ensuing year, 1921	Increase	Decrease
From State:				
Insurance Tax	\$ 21.75	\$ 21.75	.....	.....
Railroad Tax	164.52	164.52	.....	.....
Savings Bank Tax	667.85	667.85	.....	.....
For Fighting Forest Fires .	19.50	19.50	.....	.....
(a) For State Aid				
maintenance	400.00	400.00	.....	.....
(b) For Trunk Line				
maintenance	1,200.00	1,200 00	.....	.....
From Local Sources except Taxes				
Rent of Town Hall and other				
Buildings	35.55	35.55	.....	.....
Income of Departments:				
Highways, Sewers, etc. .	60.00	60.00	.....	.....
From Poll Taxes	635.00	635.00	.....	.....
Amount Raised by issue				
of Bonds or Notes	3,000.00		.....	3,000.00
Revenue which must be paid				
to other Governmental				
Divisions	64.00	96.50	32.50	.....
Total Revenues from all				
sources except Property				
Taxes	\$ 6,267.97	\$ 3,300.47	.....	.....
Amount raised by Property				
Taxes	16,224.88	16,192.77	.....	.....
General Expenses of				
Total Revenues	\$22,492.85	\$19,193.24	\$32.50	3,000.00

STRATHAM

January 31, 1921 to January 31, 1922, compared with
Year January 31, 1920 to January 31, 1921.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual expenditures previous year, 1920	Estimated expenditures ensuing year, 1921	Increase	Decrease
Current Maintenance Expenses:				
Town Officers' Salaries . . .	\$ 562.85	\$ 562.88	.....	.....
Town Officers' Expenses ..	203.57	203.57	.....	.....
Election and Registration Expenses	99.00	27.00	.....	72.00
Care and Supplies for Town Hall	237.68	237.68	.....	.....
Protection of Persons and Property	19.50	25.00	6.50	.....
Health:				
Health Department	26.59	26.59	.....	.....
Highway and Bridges:				
State Aid Maintenance				
State's Contribution	600.00	600.00	.....	.....
Town's Contribution	400.00	400.00	.....	.....
Trunk Line Maintenance				
State's Contribution	1,800.00	1,800.00	.....	.....
Town's Contribution	1,200.00	1,200.00	.....	.....
Town Maintenance	3,128.83	1,500.00	.....	1,628.83
Highway Department ...	3.00	6.00	3.00	.....
Education:				
Libraries	119.67	100.00	.....	19.67
Recreation:				
Parks and Playgrounds	586.81	10.00	.....	576.81
Public Service Enterprises:				
Cemeteries	32.75	25.00	.....	7.75
Interest:				
On Temporary Loans	60.00	43.50	.....	16.50
Indebtedness:				
Long Term Notes	2,000.00	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Payments to other Governmental Divisions:				
State Taxes	1,887.00	3,000.00	1,113.00	.....
County Taxes	1,439.55	1,439.55	.....	.....
State Tax on 127 Polls	254.00	254.00	.....	.....
Payments to School Districts	8,969.50	7,000.00	.....	1,969.50
Total Expenditures	\$23,630.30	\$19,460.74	\$1,122.50	\$5,291.06

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H., ON JANUARY 31, 1920.

TRUST FUNDS—Purpose of Creation. HOW INVESTED.

	Amount of principal.	Rate of interest.	Balance of income on hand at beginning of year.	Income during year.	Expended during year.	Balance of income on hand at end of year.
Amanda H. Lane, Library fund	\$700	4¼	....	\$ 29.75	\$ 29.75	....
Andrew Wiggin, care of cemetery lot	100	4¼	1.62	1.62	4.25	1.62
James W. Foss, care of cemetery lot	75	4¼	.77	3.19	3.00	.96
Sarah Downes, care of cemetery lot.....	50	4¼	.68	2.13	1.75	1.06
Frank P. Leavitt, care of cemetery lot....	100	4¼	1.25	4.25	3.00	2.50
Elizabeth Wood, care of Smith cem'y lot..	150	4¼				
Difference between market value and par value	25	4¼	....	1.06	.....	1.06

GEORGE W. DIXON,
CHARLES E. PICKERING,
FRANK H. PEARSON,
Trustees,

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts 1920—1921

Balance on hand	\$2,193.89
State Treasurer, Highway Dept.	
State Aid Maint., ...	101.86
Trunk Line Maint., ...	53.94
Refund	100.00
Earle R. Stockbridge, R. E. Holmes Tax	28.61
Earle R. Stockbridge, Tax Cost and Int. on	
Addie J. Lane Place, 1914,.....	27.84
1915,.....	24.71
1916,.....	24.30
1917,.....	19.17
1919,.....	19.33
Fred L. Jewell, Tax and Int. on	
Addie L. Lane Place, 1910,.....	34.56
Earle R. Stockbridge, Taxes	388.29
Geo. M. Hall, Rent of Hall	5.50
Fred H. Nealey, Rent of Hall	12.50
Chas. J. Brewster, Rent of Hall	3.25
Stewart E. Rowe, County Treasurer	159.00
Exeter Banking Co., Note	2,000.00
Earle R. Stockbridge, Treas.	
Winnicutt Club	24.00
J. E. Parks, Treas. J. O. U. A. M.	8.10
A. C. Lane, on Acct. of overpayment	1.00
Exeter Banking Co., Note	1,000.00
Chas. N. Lane, Automobile permits, 1920....	361.04
Chas. N. Lane, Automobile permits, 1921....	145.00
Chas. N. Lane, Dog Tax	96.50
John Chapman, Cemetary Lot	10.00

Asa J. Chapman, Cemetary Lot	10.00
Geo. A. Dunton, Cemetary Lot	10.00
C. J. Brewster, for Tar Barrels	18.00
Elizabeth A. L. Wood, for care of Cemetary Lot No. 51	150.00
C. J. Brewster, Road Money Returned	41.26
J. E. Stockbridge, Road Money Ret.	40.72
J. E. Stockbridge, Taxes	15,330.57

Total Receipts	22,442.94
Paid on Selectmens orders .....\$20,905.66	
Tax Stamps	20
	20,905.86

Balance on hand \$1,537.08
Stratham, N. H., Jan. 31, 1921.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer Geo. L. Barker and find them correctly cast and properly vouched with a balance in his hands of One Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Seven Dollars and Eight Cents, (\$1,537.08).

W. L. DINING,
F. H. BARKER,
Auditors.

REPORT OF JAS. E. STOCKBRIDGE,
COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Amount for Collection	\$16,859.88
Interest	9.24
	\$16,869.12

DISCHARGE

Paid Treasurer	\$15,330.57
Discounts	313.24
Abatements	14.42
Uncollected	1,210.89
	\$16,869.12

January 31, 1921

We have this day examined the account of Collector Jas. E. Stockbridge and find them correctly cast and properly vouched and a balance of Twelve Hundred and Ten Dollars and Eighty nine cents, (\$1,210.89) of uncollected taxes.

W. L. DINING,
F. H. BARKER,
Auditors.

TOWN OF STRATHAM TO A. H. JEWELL

Dr.

March 25, 1920, one day in session.....	\$ 3.00
March 29, Portsmouth to meet Tax Com. ...	3.00
April, 3 days taking Inventory	15.00
April 15 and 16, in session	6.00
May 21, drawing Jury	1.00
December 8, Manchester to State Board of Assessors	3.15
Dues to Board of Assessors	1.00
January 20, 1921, Concord in interest of Stratham Station	3.76

January 29, ½ day in session	1.50
January 31, 1 day in session	3.00
Eleven evening sessions	11.00
	\$51.41

Received Payment,
A. H. JEWELL.

TOWN OF STRATHAM TO F. L. JEWELL.

Dr.

March 25, One day session	\$ 3.00
March 29, Portsmouth to meet Tax Commission and expenses	3.50
May 21, Evening drawing Jury	1.00
April, 3 days taking Inventory	15.00
April 15 and 16, in session	6.00
December 8, To Manchester and expenses to State Boards of Assessors	2.40
December, Dues to Boards of Assessors.....	1.00
December 22, To running Exeter line	2.00
January 26, 1921, Expenses to Concord in Interest of Stratham Station	4.36
January 29, ½ day in session	1.50
January 31, 1 day in session	3.00
January, 11 evening sessions	11.00
January, Stationery and postage	.35
	\$54.11

Received Payment,
FRED L. JEWELL.

TOWN OF STRATHAM TO GEORGE M. HALL.

Dr.

March 25, in session	\$ 3.00
March 29, to Portsmouth, Tax Commission..	3.58
April 15 and 16, in session	6.00
Making returns R. R. Stock	2.00
May 5, to Exeter	1.50
Making taxes	15.00
Registering deed	.75
Making returns Tax Com.	3.00
Copying Collectors book	4.00
May 21, Drawing Jurors	1.00
Copying invoice book	5.00
Posting ledger	5.00
Insurance on flag pole	.41
December 8, To Manchester State Assessors meeting, dues and expense	7.00
December 22, Running Exeter line	2.00
December 26, To Concord in interest of Stratham R. R. Station	3.88
January 29 and 31, in session	6.00
11 evening session	11.00
Postage, Telephone and Stationery..	2.90
	83.02

Received Payment,

GEORGE M. HALL.

REPORT OF CHARLES J. BREWSTER—HIGHWAY AGENT.
1920.

	South Side Maintenance.	N. H. Cutting College Road.	Bushes	Total.
Chas. J. Brewster, team	\$ 356.00	\$ 68.00		\$ 424.00
Jas. E. Stockbridge, team...	86.00	68.00		154.00
Edward S. Cooper, team,...	112.00	4.00		116.00
Geo. Chapman, team	48.00	8.00		56.00
Otto H. Syphers, team,.....	20.00			20.00
Harry J. Syphers, team	52.00			52.00
Frank Jenness, team	22.00			22.00
Harry G. Brierley, team	4.00			4.00
Chas. Larrabee	186.00	34.00		220.00
D. C. Chapman	41.00	28.00		69.00
Geo. Cammett	32.00			32.00
Wm. Dining			31.00	31.00
Exeter Lumber Co. (railing)	23.94			23.94
C. A. Pollard, 200 lds. gravel @ 15c per ld.....	19.50	10.50		30.00
Geo. W. Dixon, 28 lds.	2.80			2.80
@ 10c	4.00			4.00
Mrs. F. A. Haven, (posts) ..				
Totals	\$1,009.24	\$220.50	\$31.00	\$1,260.74

Amount deposited at Exeter

Banking Co. \$ 1,767.00

Checks drawn:

So. Side Maintenance	\$1,009.24	
N. H. College Rd.....	220.50	
Cutting Bushes	31.00	
Snow Paths	465.00	1,725 74

Balance turned back to Town

Treasurer \$41.26

We have this day examined the account of Charles J. Brewster, Road Agent and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. L. DINING,
F. H. BARKER,

Auditors.

REPORT OF CHARLES J. BREWSTER
HIGHWAY AGENT.

SNOW PATHS—1920.

Chas. J. Brewster, team	\$ 70.80
Edward S. Cooper, team	62.25
Wm. L. Morse, team	53.12
Harry G. Brierley, team	49.00
Wm. L. Dining, team	36.25
Wm. Dining	24.00
Jas. T. Roby, team	22.25
Albert Cottrell	21.00
H. E. Foote	21.33
Fred Nealey	16.50
Chas. Larrabee	13.50
F. H. Pearson, team	10.50
Frank Wentworth, ...	9.00
Mark Fiske	8.62
R. H. Powers	7.50
Otis W. Tuttle	6.37
Archie Chapman	6.00
Arthur C. Brewster	4.50
Horace B. Odell	4.50
Benjamin Devine	4.50
Geo. Cammett	3.00
Chas. N. Lane	2.26
Leonard Hill	2.25

Roy R. Wiggin	1.50
Fred N. Edmunds	1.13
J. Lamson Emery	1.13
Arthur Burrill	1.12
M. D. Stickney	1.12
Total	\$465.00

MEMORIAL TABLET

Albert Russell Son Co., bronze tablets.....	\$367.00
Smalley Hobbs & Hunter, stone work	61.75
North East Metal Culvert Co., drain pipe...	90.25
Charles F. Brewster, work on road.....	50.55
Arthur Dudley, surveying road	5.00
	\$574.55
Appropriation	\$1,000.00
	574.55
	\$425.45
Leaving a balance in the town	
treasury of	\$425.45

REPORT OF JAMES E. STOCKBRIDGE

Highway Agent

J. E. Stockbridge, 2 men & team, 51¼ days	
@ \$12	\$ 615.00
J. E. Stockbridge, 1 man & team, 16¾ days	
@ \$8	134.00
Frank Jenness, 5 days @ \$8.00	40.00
DeWitt Chapman, 19½ days @ \$4.00	78.00
Chas. Brewster, 21 days @ \$8.00	168.00
Chas. Larrabee, 18 days @ \$4.00	72.00
Geo. R. Brewster & team, 3 days	21.00
John Chase & team, 3 days	24.00
Bill Wentworth, 3 days	12.00
Charlie Brewster, 3 days	12.00
G. Arthur Gowen, harrowing	1.00
Hilliard & Kimball, 1 pick and handle	2.00
Hilliard & Kimball, 2 shovels	4.00
Hilliard & Kimball, 1 plow point	1.00
William Dining, 43 hours cutting brushes..	21.50
Fred L. Jewell & team, 6 hours	6.00
Harry Wiggin, 57 loads gravel	5.70
W. A. Young, axe	2.45
	\$1,219.65
Balance	40.72
	\$1,260.37

DEPOSITS

April 13, ...	\$ 400.00
May 17, ...	400.00
September 7, ...	400.00
November 9, ...	60.37
	\$1,260.37

SNOW PATHS

Geo. E. Gowen & Sons, team & labor	\$ 18.25
Paul W. Goodsoe, team & labor	30.61
W. H. Lang, team & labor	1.87
Howard Wiggin, labor	4.50
J. W. Rollins, team & labor	53.00
Chas. Rumrell, labor	12.75
Earle Rumrell, labor	7.50
Chas. Pace, labor	14.75
George Pace, labor	15.33
Ralph Pace, labor	3.37
C. E. Jewell, team & labor	12.38
James O'brien, labor	4.87
Harry Syphers, team & labor	20.00
Geo. S. Barker, labor	3.75
Geo. R. Brewster, team & labor	153.91
Geo. Chapman, labor	7.12
Perley Wells, team & labor	80.75
J. J. Craft, team & labor	83.56
W. G. Parkman, team & labor	112.27
Chas. Grant, labor	17.24
Jas. E. Stockbridge, labor	4.88
G. H. Wiggin, team & labor	108.94
H. Roby Jewell, team & labor	129.63

A. H. Jewell, team & labor	48.56
Gilbert Thompson, team & labor	114.00
Perley Hopper, team & labor	56.00
Geo. H. Bowley, team & labor	122.38
Frank Jenness, team & labor	29.31
F. H. Barker, team & labor	51.98
	\$1,323.46

We have this day examined the above account of Jas. E. Stockbridge and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. L. DINING,

F. H. BARKER,

Auditors.

LIBRARY TREASURERS REPORT.

Receipts.

Balance from last year.....	\$92.16	
Chas. E. Pickering, interest on Amanda Lane Fund.....	29.75	
Fines from Librarian	\$13.48	
Supplies	2.24	
	\$11.24	11.24
Annual Appropriation	35.70	
		\$168.85

Payments

Feb. 12, 1920	Charles E. Lauriat Co..	\$31.27	
Feb. 18, 1920	Charles E. Lauriat Co..	8.60	
Feb. 25, 1920	Charles E. Lauriat Co..	1.44	
Apr. 13, 1920	Charles E. Lauriat Co..	4.22	
May 4, 1920	Charles E. Lauriat Co...	9.73	
Nov. 24, 1920	Charles E. Lauriat Co..	56.71	
Dec. 7, 1920	Chas. E. Lauriat Co.....	6.73	
Jan. 31, 1921	Balance on hand.....	50.15	
			\$168.85

We have this day examined the account of Geo. L. Barker, Library Treasurer and find correctly cast and properly vouched and a balance on hand of Fifty Dollars and fifteen cents (\$50.15).

W. L. DINING,
F. H. BARKER,

Auditors.

List of Books

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 26A—Highacres | Jane D. Abbott |
| 30B12—Fourth Down | Ralph Henry Barbour |
| 30B13—Quarter-Back Bates | Ralph Henry Barbour |
| 30B14—The Mystery of the Sea-Lark | Ralph Henry Barbour |
| 69B1—The Wall Between | Sara Ware Bassett |
| 69B—The Pilgrims Progress | John Bunyan |
| 70B—The Trumpeter Swan | Temple Bailey |
| 56C—A Little Maid of Old Maine | Alice Turner Curtis |
| 57C—The Abandoned Farmers | Irvin S. Cobb |
| 31D3—An Old Chester Secret | Margaret Deland |
| 39D1—The Little House | Coningsby Dawson |
| 41D1—The Bars of Iron | Ethel M. Dell |
| 17G1—The Builders | Ellen Glasgow |
| 2H8—The Vacation of the Keluyns | William Dean Howells |
| 15J—Peggy Stewart Navy Girl | Gabrielle E. Jackson |
| 12K—Dorothy Deane | Ellen Olney Kirk |
| 12L6—The Mutiny of the Elsinore | Jack London |
| 25L8—The Search | Grace L. Lutz |
| 25L9—The Red Signal | Grace L. Lutz |
| 25L10—The Mystery of Mary | Grace L. Lutz |
| 25L11—Cloudy Jewell | Grace L. Lutz |
| 10L16—The Portygee | Joseph Lincoln |
| 27M1—Abbie Ann | George M. Martin |
| 31M13—West Wind Drift | George Barr McCutcheon |
| 7P7—No Defence | Gilbert Parker |
| 20P1—Freckles | Gene Stratton Porter |
| 31P1—Ships Across the Sea | Ralph D. Paine |
| 121—The Boy Scouts of Lakeville High | Leslie W. Quirk |

12R2—Honor Bright	Laura E. Richards
18R3—Red and Black	Grace S. Richmond
18R5—Strawberry Acres	Grace S. Richmond
18R6—The Second Violin	Grace S. Richmond
4—A Poor Wise Man	Mary Roberts Rinehart
29S9—The Real Diary of the Worst Farmer	Henry A. Shute
29S10—Bright and Fair	Henry A. Shute
45S1—A World to Mend	Margaret Sherwood
46S1—Poor Man's Rock	Bertrand W. Sinclair
12T7—The Pursuit of the Apache Chief	Everett T. Tomlinson
12T8—Scouting on the Border	Everett T. Tomlinson
7V1—The Dark Mirror	Louis Joseph Vance
4U6—Faith Gartneys Girlhood	Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney
35W3—A Daughter of the Rich	M. E. Waller
49W1—The Story of Betty	Carolyn Wells
53W—Lynch Lawyers	William Patterson White
19G8—The Man of the Forest	Zane Grey
H171—Old Cape Cod	Mary Rogers Bangs
H172—The Glories of Ireland	Editors Joseph Dunn, P. J. Lennox
H173—The War with Germany	Leonard P. Ayres
N104—The Woodcraft Manual for Girls	Ernest Thompson Seton
N105—Boy Scouts of America	
T115—Roaming through the West Indies	Harry A. Franck
T116—In Lower Florida Wilds	Charles T. Simpson
Number of bound volumes catalogued at beginning of year	3,028
Number of bound volumes added by purchase	50
Number of bound volumes added by gift	2

Total number at end of year	3,080
Number of Magazines and newspapers received	3
Number of volumes of non-fiction lent	57
Number of volumes of fiction lent	1,733
Total circulation for year	1,790
Number of new borrowers added during year	36
Fines	\$13.48

MRS. LILLIE F. ODELL,

Librarian.

SCHOOL TREASURERS REPORT.

Receipts

Cash on hand as per audit	\$ 177.34
Received from State Treasurer:	
Equalization Fund	329.22
High School Tuition Rebate	366.80
Qualified teachers	144.00
Received from G. L. Barker, Town Treasurer:	
Per capita tax	252.00
Dog tax	84.00
Balance of Appropriation	5,413.76
	\$6,767.12

Stratham, N. H.. September 28, 1920

I have this day examined the foregoing accounts of Treas. Frank H. Pearson and find them correctly cast and properly vouched with a balance of \$1,147.65 on hand.

ANNIE W. SCAMMON,

Auditor

Disbursements

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 58.75
Superintendents salary	90.00
School census	6.02
Expenses of administration	106.43
Teachers Salaries	2,183.00
Text Books	98.81
Scholars Supplies	144.26
Flags and Appurtenances	2.45
Other expenses of instruction	2.71
Janitor Service	127.93
Fuel	352.00
Janitors Supplies	42.20
Minor repairs and expenses	310.11
Medical inspection	20.95
High School Tuition	1,808.00
Other special activities	13.85
Two dollar per capita tax to State	252.00
Bal. on hand Sept. 1, 1920	1,147.65
	\$6,767.12

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Required annual report of school board to district, stating amount of money needed for support of schools and for statutory requirements (see Laws of 1919, 106:21.)

1. Amount of money required by law (\$3.50 on each \$1,000. of the 1920 inventory.)

2. Statement in detail of the additional amount of money required for the support of schools, and payment of statutory obligations for the ensuing fiscal year.

1. Budget (School Money)

	Elementary Schools	High Schools
(a) For support of schools.....	\$3,700.00	
(This is school money and may be used for maintaining schools including the purchase of fuel and other supplies, the transportation of pupils and incidental repairs not exceeding 5% of school money.)		
(b) For purchase of textbooks and scholars' supplies....	200.00	
(c) For the purchase of flags and appurtenances	20.00	
(d) For payment of tuitions at high schools and academies		2,000.00

	Elementary Schools	High Schools
(e) Total amount required for above items	3,920.00	2,000.00
(f) Estimate of amount of a \$5. tax on the 1920 inventory..	2,500.00	
2. Requirements to Meet Budget		
(a) For support of elementary schools		3,920.00
(If the amount required for elementary schools is more than the amount of a \$5 tax —the amount of a \$5 tax should be reported—other- wise the amount required.)		
(b) For support of high school or payment of high school tuitions		2,000.00
(Ordinarily districts that support a high school do not pay tuitions. Both i- tems might be required).		
Total for support of all schools (School Money)		5,920.00
3. School Board Report of Assessment Required.		
(1) For the support of Schools and the purchase of re- quired books, supplies and flags, and the payment of High School tuitions		5,920.00
Estimate of \$3.50 tax on 1920 inventory	1,750.00	

	Elementary Schools	High Schools
Estimate of additional sums needed	4,170.00	
(2) For the payment of the per CAPITA TAX (Statutory)		230.00

Attendance Table for School Year ending August 31st, 1920

SCHOOLS	Length of school in weeks	Whole number of different Pupils Registered				Average daily attendance	Average daily absence	Average membership	Percent of attendance	No. cases of tardiness	No. cases of dismissal	No. visits by Supt.	No. visits by Sch. Brd.	No. visits of others
		Total	Boys	Girls										
Ridge School	36	30	14	16	21	2	23	89	26	9	13	4	85	
Stratham Hill School	36	20	11	9	15	2	17	88	184	14	13	5	48	
Wennicutt School	36	21	12	9	11	1	12	90	59	7	16	0	46	
Plains School	36	15	7	8	13	1	14	93	31	42	16	5	67	
All Schools	36	86	44	42	60	6	66	360	300	72	58	14	246	

RECORD OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

THREE TERMS: Leslie Scammon

TWO TERMS: Carl Dining; Grace Lane

ONE TERM:

Thelma Foote

Jessia Chase

Muriel Dining

Dorothy Fiske

Barbara Holmes

Russell Chapman

Gerald LeRoy

Ruth Craft

Noble Craft

Paschal Jewell

Francis Gay

Ben Gay

Margaret McAllister

Alice Wells

Melvin Wells

Perley Wells

Ruth Hopper

Nelson Lane

John Smith

To the School Board and the Citizens of

Stratham, N. H.:—

It gives me pleasure to submit to you my second report as superintendent of the Stratham schools. A statistical table showing some facts in regard to attendance, etc. for each school, together with a list of the pupils who had, last year, a perfect attendance record, accompanies this report. I hope these tables will engage the attention of every parent in the district.

Half of the teaching force of last year remained for the present year, thus giving their schools the great advantage of a knowledge of pupils and parents. Better work would result if every good teacher could be retained more than one year. Since parents and neighbors can do so much to interest and hold teachers in the town, I take this occasion to urge that they do all within their power to secure this benefit for the schools. I wish I might report complete and unqualified success in all our schools, for last year as well as this year. However, some failures accompany the successes. Almost without exception, the latter have been due to lack of experience in trying situations, while the former have come from experience and training as well as the exercise of native common sense. The teachers have recognized the necessity of teaching and drilling the fundamental subjects, but at the same time, have tried to build up a school spirit by devoting a legitimate amount of time to affairs thought by some to be less essential. For instance, singing has been more a part of the daily program this year than last. Since all our

teachers could teach music to some degree, it seemed wise to recommend that we have no supervisor of music for the present year, but rather depend on our teachers for training in music. Broadly speaking, the plan has been successful. Drawing has been taught to some extent in all schools. A distinct attempt has been made in at least two schools to motivate all the work of the school, that is, to make the pupils want to do it. Enjoyable entertainments have been prepared both this year and last by nearly all of the teachers, serving to commemorate the lives of great men, and used as a valuable means of education. Standard scales of attainment in hand writing are used throughout the district to encourage the pupils to do better work in that subject. A similar set of standards in spelling is in use. Nearly all of the pupils can more than pass the test for their grades. It is now possible to ascertain by standard reading tests just how much of the author's thought a pupil gets from the printed page. These tests were used last year, and will be employed again this year. Hot lunches in some form have been enjoyed by all the pupils of the district who wished them. This part of the daily program has been used efficiently by one teacher as an educational training.

I said in my report last year that the private initiative of some teachers had shown them to be unusually interested in their work. The same statement is true this year. A teacher for every school who is proud of her profession and constantly requires of herself better work in fundamentals, better knowledge of and sympathy with children and a better acquaintance with the parents is our aim. I can report that the members of

our present staff of teachers fall within the class just described, and, while they cannot be said to proceed with the same speed and accuracy toward their ideals, they all have the ideals and are moving toward them.

The buildings are in a good state of repair. All the school rooms have been made more attractive and useful by the removal of the teachers' platform. In one or two cases, teachers have made their rooms still more attractive by home like housekeeping. Excellent work was done on the new toilets and sheds of two buildings, and in rearranging the windows in one of them. The school house at Stratham Hill is particularly exposed to cold winds, and the room is particularly difficult to heat. I believe the stove now used would be adequate if it were jacketed and placed on the west side or in the northwest corner of the room. I recommend that such a change be made if it seems to the Board to be advisable. It would seem economical to paint the Plains School house both inside and out. The school room would certainly be more attractive and sanitary if the ceilings and walls could be thoroughly cleaned and painted.

I take this occasion to urge the formation by interested citizens of a Parent-Teachers Association. I believe that many more parents ought to visit our schools and become familiar with the buildings, the teachers and the work of the school. I note with pleasure how generously all the teachers of Stratham are welcomed into social organizations and at public gatherings, and it is fine to see that they feel the responsibility of citizenship in the town. To make more effective this good

fellowship in the education of our boys and girls, I strongly urge that many more citizens visit the schools.

In closing, I wish to express my thanks for your hearty and constant expressions of interest in our common work.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON A. TOWLE,

Superintendent of Supervisory Union No. 16.

Exeter, N. H., Feb. 16, 1921.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1920.

Date	Name of Child	No.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 8	Ruth Elizabeth Wiggin	9	Howard N. Wiggin	Lizzie B. Thurston	Stratham	Newton
July 5	Victor Wells	12	Perley J. Wells	Sarah J. Wentworth	Epping	Stratham
Sept. 16	Elizabeth M. Chapman	7	George E. Chapman	Edith M. Wentworth	Stratham	Stratham
Sept. 18	Frank Cleveland Reed	5	F. C. Reed	Carrie L. Rand	Thomaston, Me.	Seabrook, Mass.
Oct. 16	Calboneau	4	Eugene W. Carbonian	Laura E. Wentworth	Exeter, N. H.	Newfields, N. H.
Nov. 24	Esther Jewell	4	Chas. E. Jewell	Hester A. Horton	Stratham	Lynn, Mass.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1920.

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	By whom Married
Jan. 18	Stratham	Shirley Wintrop Gowen	27	Stratham	George E. Gowen Mary Smith	J. Harry LeRoy Stratham.
June 30	Greenland, N. H.	Elsie Melba Jenness Harold Ansel Syphers	19 25	Boston, Mass. Blain, Me.	Frank W. Jenness Mary L. Jewell Harry J. Syphers Addelaide M. Goss	Joseph N. Haskell Greenland, N. H.
Aug. 27	Exeter, N. H.	Constance Brackett Percy Bertram Larrabee Elizabeth Abbie Campbell	21 22 22	Greenland, N. H. Malden, Mass. Randolph, Vt.	Charles H. Brackett Fannie M. Lamprey Charles H. Larrabee Emma F. Patterson William H. Campbell Melinda Thurston	S. W. Schuman Exeter, N. H.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1920.

Date	Name and Surname	Years	Mos.	Days	Place of Birth	Single, Married or Widow	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Apr. 3	Ellen M. Barrett	86	10	12	Charlestown, Mass. . .	W	Samuel L. Tuttle . . .	Catherine A. Beatice
Apr. 4	Asa J. Chapman	78	1	18	Stratham	M	Edward B. Chapman	Abigail Jewell
Apr. 27	Roy R. Wiggin	36	7	11	Stratham	S	George B. Wiggin . .	Annie Roberts
July 7	Peter Cote	60	7	15	Canada	M	Moise Cote	Angeline Boisvert
Aug. 21	Mary J. Roberts	83	8	15	Stratham	S	Mark Roberts	Sarah Wiggin
Nov. 16	Uri Abbott Lane	65	1	4	No. Hampton, N. H. .	M	William Lane	Levina Foss
Nov. 30	Phoebe P. Brewster	84	3	24	Stratham, N. H. . .	W	James Stockbridge . .	Olive Lang

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